

13. An aqueous system according to Claim 11 wherein the binder has a pH  $\leq$  3.

14. An aqueous system according to Claim 11 wherein the active compound has a functional group N-S-CCl<sub>2</sub>X wherein X represents halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, or halogen-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl.

15. An aqueous system according to Claim 11 wherein the active compound is folpet, captan, captafol, dichlofluanid, tolylfluanid, fluorfolpet, or a mixture thereof.

16. A method for stabilizing hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal, bactericidal, and/or insecticidal active compound in an aqueous system comprising incorporating into the aqueous systems one or more binders consisting of an alkyd resin based on vegetable oils and/or acrylate dispersions and having a pH  $\leq$  7.

17. A method according to Claim 16 wherein the binder has a pH  $\leq$  5.

18. A method for protecting aqueous systems against microbial infestation comprising incorporating into the aqueous system at least one hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal, bactericidal, and/or insecticidal active compound in combination with one or more binders consisting of an alkyd resin based on vegetable oils and/or acrylate dispersions and having a pH  $\leq$  7.

19. A method according to Claim 18 wherein the binder has a pH  $\leq$  5.

20. A binder comprising an alkyd resin based on vegetable oils and/or acrylate dispersions and having a pH  $\leq$  7 in combination with a hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal, bactericidal, and/or insecticidal active compound.--

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1: Change "**Water-based formulations with fungicidal action**" to **--WATER-BASED FORMULATIONS WITH FUNGICIDAL ACTION--**

Page 4, line 11: In the fourth column of the table, change the heading from "pH of B" to --pH of Binder--.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT:

Amend the Abstract at page 7 to read as follows: